Ferries at Muttathukadavu and Thanki Canal.

107. *MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether there are any Government ferries at Muttathukadavu and Thanki canal?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): None.

Recruitment of Second Judges from the Bar.

108. *MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether, in the recruitment of Second Judges from the Bar, any communal claims are recognised by the Government and whether the existing representation is considered when recognising communal claims?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): For the recruitment of Second Judges from the Bar, efficiency is chiefly taken into consideration, though the claims of different communities are also borne in mind.

G. O. re. appointment of undergraduate clerks as Inspectors of Police.

109. *MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): Will the Government be pleased to state (i) the circumstances under which G. O. 833/33 dated 15-3-1933, prohibiting the appointment of undergraduate clerks as Inspectors of Police was passed; and (ii) who took the initiative in getting the G. O. passed:

(*b*) (i) whether anybody has been exempted from the operation of the said G. O.; (ii) if so, at whose instance; (iii) how many persons have been so exempted and on what grounds; and

(*c*) if it was the Commissioner of Police who recommended the exemptions, whether he called for the opinions of the District Superintendents before making the recommendations?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): The rule regarding the recruitment of Inspectors of Police is that 75 per cent. of the Inspectors' posts should be filled up by recruitment of graduates, the remaining 25 per cent. being reserved for promotion by selection of deserving men from the rank of Head Constables. In January 1933, the Commissioner of Police pointed out to Government the desirability of promoting deserving graduate and undergraduate clerks of his department to the cadre of Inspectors. In view of the principles laid down regarding recruitment to the Inspectors' cadre, Government sanctioned, in G. O. R. Dis. No. 490 of 33/Judl., dated the 11th February 1933, the promotion of graduate clerks alone as Inspectors. The Commissioner addressed Government again, in February 1933, recommending sanction to the inclusion of the undergraduate clerks of his department, who had already acted as Inspectors, in the list of eligibles for promotion. But, in G. O. R. Dis. No. 883/33/Judicial, dated the 15th March 1933, the Commissioner was told that the orders passed in the matter could not be reconsidered.

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(*b*) Four persons who had been recommended by the Commissioner of Police as the best among the clerks who had acted as Inspectors were exempted by Government as a special case from the operation of the G. O.

(*c*) There was no necessity for calling for the opinions of the District Superintendents of Police, as the Commissioner of Police was personally aware of the merits and fitness of the clerks exempted.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): May I know how many undergraduate clerks who have already acted as Inspectors have not been allowed the chance of becoming Inspectors?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): I claim notice.

MR. K KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): With reference to the answer to part (*c*), may I know from the member whether the Commissioner was aware of the qualifications and merits of those men as clerks or as Inspectors?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): I believe, both.

G. O. re appointment of undergraduate clerks of the Police Department as Inspectors.

110. *MR. M. N. NAIR (*Kottayam I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is not a G. O. prohibiting the appointment of undergraduate clerks of the Police Department as Inspectors of Police;

(*b*) if so, what were the circumstances under which such a G. O. was passed and under whose initiative;

(*c*) whether exemptions are granted in favour of any from the operation of the above-mentioned G. O.;

(*d*) if so, how many men have been exempted;

(*e*) whether these exemptions were granted on the recommendations of the Commissioner of Police

(*f*) what is the standard fixed by the Commissioner of Police in selecting individuals recommended for exemption;

(*g*) were the opinions of the District Superintendents called for by the Commissioner of Police before he made his recommendations for exemption;

(*h*) if not, why not;

(*i*) was it not always the practice to call for such opinions by the Commissioner of Police on such matters and

(*j*) if so, why was it not followed in this instance?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*):

(*a*) Yes;

(*b*) The member is referred to the answer to part (1) of interpellation No. 109;

(*c*) Yes

(*d*) Four;

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